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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christian Heausler on 12/7/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1 line 25, the phrase "wherein the coupling nut compresses" has been replaced with the phrase --thereby compressing--.

In claim 16 line 13, the phrase --wherein the lifting component is a ring comprising an upstream edge and a downstream edge, wherein the upstream edge has a diameter larger than the downstream edge an-- has been inserted after "lifting component," and before "wherein".

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James M. Hewitt whose telephone number is 571-272-7084.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Stodola can be reached on 571-272-7087. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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